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1. PER FELDMAN'S REQUEST, SCHWEBEL TOOK OCCASION UNCTAD DISCUSSION WITH GONZALEZ GALVEZ JULY 13 TO EMPHASIZE IMPORTANCE USG ATTACHES TO COMPLETION BY 28TH SESSION UNGA OF CONVENTION ON DIPLOMATS. PROPOSED DRAFTING COMMITTEE SHOULD BE SMALL AND SHOULD BE ABLE TO FINISH UP CONVENTION AND REPORT TO SIXTH COMMITTEE BY EARLY OCTOBER.

2. GONZALES GALVEZ REPLIED, THAT, IF HE WERE CHAIRMAN 6TH COMITE, HE WOULD DO HIS BEST TO PROMOTE ADOPTION OF CONVENTION BY 28TH SESSION. BUT HE COULD GIVE NO GUARANTEES. HE SAID HE THOUGHT REPORT BY DRAFTING COMITE TO 6TH COMITE IN OCTOBER REASONABLE. HOWEVER, DRAFTING COMITE OF NO LESS THAN 25 MEMBERS WOULD BE FEASIBLE; USG'S SUGGESTION OF 15-MEMBER DRAFTING COMMITTEE OBSOLETE. THESE DAYS DRAFTING COMMITTEES MUST BE LARGER. THE KEY QUESTION GOVERNING ADOPTION IS WHETHER THE ITEM

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CAN BE KEPT DISTINCT FROM THAT ON TERRORISM. WHAT

IDEAS DOES THE DEPT HAVE TO THAT END?

3. SCHWEBEL NOTED THAT AGENDA ITEMS ON TERRORISM AND DIPLOMATS ARE SEPARATE. WHILE STATING HE HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS ON POINT, HE SUGGESTED THAT IF DIPLOMATS ITEM COULD BE PLACED VERY HIGH ON 6TH COMITE AGENDA, WITH DRAFTING COMITE REPORTING BACK IN OCTOBER, TERRORISM ITEM COULD BE DEFERRED UNTIL 6TH COMITE HAD WHOLLY DISPOSED OF DIPLOMATS.

4. GONZALEZ GALVEZ SIAD THAT THAT WOULD BE IDEAL PROCEDURE BUT HE DOUBTED ARABS WOULD ACCEPT IT. THEIR PLAN WOULD BE TO HOLD ITEM ON DIPLOMATS HOSTAGE TO THAT ON TERRORISM. IF, IN TERRORISM COMITE NOW AND IN 6TH COMITE DISCUSSION OF TERRORISM LATER, USG TOOK BACKSEAT, LEFT INITIATIVE TO OTHERS, AND DID NOT INVOKE PROTECTION OF DIPLOMATS, ARABS MIGHT BE SO MOLLIFIED THAT THEY WOULD NOT SEEK TO BLOCK ADOPTION OF CONVENTION ON DIPLOMATS. BUT THEY CERTAINLY WOULD SEEK TO DEFER DIFINITIVE ACTION ON DIPLOMATS AT 6TH COMITE UNTIL THEY SAW TREND RESPECTING TERRORISM. THUS GONZALEX GALVEZ THOUGHT THAT TERRORISM COULD BE DISCUSSED IN 6TH COMITE WHILE DRAFTING COMITE WORKING ON DIPLOMATS CONVENTION. SCHWEBEL WONDERED WHETHER THAT WOULD NOT LEAD TO COMMINGLING OF TWO ITEMS.

5. GONZALEZ GALVEZ CLAIMED THAT, AT LAST UNGA SESSION, DIPLOMATS ITEM CLOSE TO SUCCESSFUL RESOLUTION WHEN SPEECH BY ISRAELI AMBASSADOR TAKOAH INCITED ARABS. HE ALSO SIAD THAT MIXING OF PROTECTION OF DIPLOMATS AND OTHER ANTI-TERRORISM MEASURES BY USG STATMENT AT 27TH SESSION UNHELPFUL. FOR HIS PART, HE WAS SERIOUS ABOUT TRYING TO PUT DIPLOMATS ITEM ACROSS AT 28TH SESSION, BUT, IF THAT WERE TO BE DONE, MEXICO WOULD REQUIRE MOVES TOWARDS ITS POSITION ON ASYLUM. GONZALEZ GALVEZ CONCLUDED BY SAYING HE HAD NO FIRM IDEAS ON UNGA PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING ITEMS ON DIPLOMATS AND TERRORISM AND WOULD WELCOME FURTHER EXPRESSION USG VIEWS.

6. ON JULY 16, AMBASSADOR CASTANEDA REMARKED THAT GONZALEZ GALVEZ AHD INFORMED HIM OF FOREGOING THAT CASTANEDA HAD CONFIDENTIAL

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TALKED SINCE BY TELEPHONE WITH FONMIN RABASSA, AND THAT HE COULD ASSURE USG THAT MEXICO WOULD COOPERATE FULLY IN PROMOTING ADOPTION OF CONVENTION BY 28TH UNGA.

7. GONZALEZ GALVEZ REITERATED THAT DRAFTING COMITE OF 15 NOWADAYS WOULD BE TOO SMALL; THAT ON SPECIAL MISSIONS HAD WORKED SOME FIVE YEARS AGO. HE SAID HE WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY USG VIEWS ON WHO SHOULD BE CHAIRMAN OF

DRAFTING COMITE. HE WAS DISINCLINED TO APPOINT SOMEONE FROM EAST OR WEST AND WONDERED IF THERE WERE SUITABLE LA AVAILABLE.

8. COMMENT: RECOMMEND WE NOT PRESS GONZALEZ GALVEZ FURTHER ON 15 MEMBER GROUP BUT ENDEAVOR TO PROPOSE SYMPATHETIC CHAIRMAN OF DRAFTING COMITE. BASSIN

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